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## SUCCESS STORY

### New Mother Saves Her Job

**New mother saves her job, increases efficiency of school administration**



Bagtygul Tekedurdyeva at the IATP center in Balkanabat.  
Photo: IATP

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■ Bagtygul Tekedurdyeva, participant of the USAID program

The USAID Internet Access and Training Program, administered by IREX, helped a young woman from Balkanabat City, Turkmenistan save her job.

Bagtygul Tekedurdyeva had worked as a secretary at Balkanabat Secondary School #12. Like most school secretaries across the country, she had used a typewriter to perform her duties. Upon returning to her job after a year-long maternity leave, however, she found a computer at her workstation, which she was unable to use.

Tekedurdyeva turned to USAID’s Internet Access and Training Program for help. The USAID operates a computer access and training center in her hometown, where she enrolled for intensive training course on computer use. The course taught her to create and format documents, work with spreadsheets, and use a variety of other software. “I couldn’t acquire computer skills in such a short time and free of charge elsewhere, and with an infant it would have been very difficult to afford commercial computer courses,” said Tekedurdyeva after completion of her training courses.

“I gained valuable computer technology skills to keep the whole school’s documentation professionally and to meet today’s needs and demands,” says Tekedurdyeva. Now the young mother is responsible for designing and recording all of the school’s electronic documents, the school’s class schedule, personal records of teachers and students, narrative reports from the school pedagogical council’s meetings, as well as other official school documents. She has also learned that by using computer, she can accomplish many tasks much faster than she used to with the typewriter. “Training at the IATP center ultimately made my work easier,” she says.

Bagtygul Tekedurdyeva is certain that without the opportunity to study computer use, she would have struggled to meet the requirements of her job. “My new computer technology skills gained at the IATP center helped me save my job.”